

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A balance (1) comprising a weighing compartment
2 (4) that borders on a stationary part (8, 9) of the balance
3 and is otherwise enclosed by at least one side wall panel
4 (5, 6), a front wall panel (7), and a top cover panel (12);
5 wherein at least one of said panels is slidable by means of
6 a guiding device (17, 20) to open and close the weighing
7 compartment (4); wherein at least one of the at least one
8 side wall panel (5, 6), the front wall panel (7), the top
9 cover panel (12), and the stationary part (8, 9) has cutout
10 passages (20) for cables and conduits (123).

1 2. The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the cutout
2 passages (20) can be closed by means of clip-on devices
3 (21, 21', 21'', 113).

1 3. The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the cutout
2 passages (20) are configured to receive clip-on cable-
3 holder devices (21') for holding said cables and conduits
4 (123) in place.

1 4. The balance (1) of claim 3, wherein said clip-
2 on cable holder devices (21') are U-shaped.

1 5. The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the cutout
2 passages (20) are configured to receive clip-on tool holder
3 devices (21") equipped with tool holders (130).

1 6. The balance (1) of claim 1, comprising side
2 wall panels (114) of different height, wherein the cutout
3 passages (20) are configured to receive clip-on devices
4 (113) that cooperate with holder rails (115) as part of the
5 guiding device for the slidable side wall panels (114) of
6 different height.

1 7. The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the front
2 wall panel (7) is non-slidable, the at least one side-wall
3 panel (5, 6) and the top-cover panel (12) are slidable, and
4 wherein each of the panels (5, 6, 7, 12) is attached to the
5 stationary part (8, 9) by means of a holder element which
6 allows each of said panels (5, 6, 7, 12) to be individually
7 locked in place and released by a simple application of

8 manual force.

1 8. The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the at
2 least one of the panels (5, 6, 12) that is slidable is
3 individually separable from the balance (1) by manually
4 pulling said panel (5, 6, 12) outwards in a tilting
5 movement.

1 9. The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein each of the
2 panels (5, 6, 7, 12) can be set to a stable inclined
3 position by a simple application of manual force.

1 10. The balance (1) of claim 1, wherein the panels
2 (5, 6, 7, 12) are free of sight-blocking frame members,
3 thereby allowing an unobstructed view into the weighing
4 compartment (4).

1 11. The balance (1) of claim 1, comprising an
2 accessory unit (140) containing modules from the group of
3 electric power supplies and control electronics.

1 12. The balance (1) of claim 11, wherein the
2 stationary part of the balances comprises a housing (3) and
3 the accessory unit (140) is integrated in the housing (3).

1 13. The balance (1) of claim 11, wherein the
2 accessory unit (140) comprises passages (147) for the
3 cables and conduits (123).

1 14. The balance (1) of claim 13, wherein the
2 accessory unit (140) is connected to the rear wall (9)
3 through guide channels (143, 143') for the cables and
4 conduits (123).

1 15. The balance (1) of claim 14, wherein the guide
2 channels (143, 143') are integrated in the housing (3) and
3 can be closed to the outside by means of covers.